

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA CONCERNING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS**

September 5, 1991, Date-Signed

September 5, 1991, Date-In-Force

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia,

Considering that they have entered into diplomatic relations,

Desirous of ensuring the effective performance of diplomatic and consular functions,

Hopeful of promoting enhanced relations between their peoples in economic, cultural and other fields,

Affirming their shared view of the importance of the Helsinki Final Act Principles and other CSCE commitments and their determination to fully implement such commitments,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

1. Each Government shall send a diplomatic agent to the other with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, as soon as the necessary administrative and legal arrangements in the sending State so permit.

2. The Governments shall conduct their diplomatic and consular relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of April 24, 1963. Pending the accreditation of the permanent staff of the U.S. diplomatic mission to the Republic of Latvia, the Government of the Republic of Latvia shall treat personnel initially assigned to perform diplomatic or consular functions as if they were members of the mission.

Article II

Following the establishment of relations, the two Governments, upon the request of either side, shall enter into negotiations for the prompt settlement of claims and other financial and property matters that remain unresolved between them.

Article III

The Governments shall meet promptly to review the status of treaty relations between them.

Article IV

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature.

DONE at Riga, this 5 day of Sept., 1991, in duplicate, in the English and Latvian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

SIGNATORIES:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Curtis W. Kamman

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA:

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